

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.116  
U.S. APPLN NO.: 10/612,086

**REMARKS**

Claims 10, 11, 13-20 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 12 and 21-26 are canceled without prejudice or disclaimer.

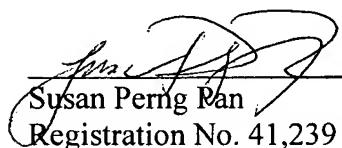
By this Amendment, the subject matter of allowable claim 12 is added to claim 10. Allowable claims 17 and 20 are rewritten in independent form.

Claims 11, 13-16, 18 and 19 which depend from claim 10, are patentable for at least the reasons submitted for claim 10.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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